



72 Cottage Street, East Berlin

1897

G. Jennie (1843-1918) & Oliver Kent (1935-1918)

Victorian

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 018

1897 G Jennie Kent present owners: Leslie & Muriel Niles Victorian

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1899 present owners: Ryan Pipke and Rachel Hadyka

Sketch

## Genealogy

Oliver D. Kent 1835-1918 married in 1868 to G. Jennie Kent 1843-1908. They had 2 children. Jennie died in 1908 and Oliver died in 1918. They are buried in the Blue Hills Cemetery.




**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
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IDENTIFICATION		DESCRIPTION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		1. BUILDING NAME (Historic)	
2. TOWN CITY		2. TOWN CITY	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
4. OWNER(S)		4. OWNER(S)	
5. USE (Present)		5. USE (Historic)	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC		6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		7. DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
10. ROOF (Type)		10. ROOF (Type)	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		11. APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		12. CONDITION (Exterior)	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		13. INTEGRITY (Alterations)	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

In a mostly Victorian neighborhood, just south of Catholic church.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)		<p>The G. Jennie Kent House has a two-bay facade with a right entry. A full-width, shed-roofed front porch has turned posts and pilasters, simple curved post brackets, and exposed notched rafters. The cut-out slat rail has an arrow-and-diamond motif. Both the entry and the windows feature a peaked hood above a frieze with three raised panels. Windows are fitted with 2-over-2 sash. The second-floor right window on the facade is considerably shortened; this is probably a later alteration. The gable-end has a single attic light, staggered-butt shingles, and a vergeboard with rectangular blocks in a central recessed panel. Simple curved brackets at the rake-ends have incised lines. Side elevations feature wide overhanging eaves and exposed, notched rafters.</p>
	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER	
SIGNIFICANCE	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE		
	<p>Architecturally, the G. Jennie Kent House is significant as a well-preserved example of a modest Victorian Vernacular dwelling. Small and simple in plan, the Kent house has a modest array of the decorative woodwork that is a hallmark of the period. The peaked window hoods are notable as an attractive and relatively uncommon feature. The vergeboard and decorative shingles are wholly typical.</p> <p>Historically, the Kent house is significant as an example of the type of housing that was built for the rapidly expanding working-class population of East Berlin during the late 1880s and early 1890s, when the nearby Berlin Iron Bridge Company grew to national stature. G. Jennie Kent bought this property in 1896 from Michael B. Fitzpatrick, who originally controlled much of the land surrounding the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. G. Jennie Kent was the wife of Oliver D. Kent, a local builder and real estate trader (continued)</p>		
SOURCES	<p>1880 Census 1900 Census Berlin Land Records 44:339 (1896)</p>		
PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	
	HRC	11/84	
COMPILED BY	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
	NW	D27	
	NAME	DATE	
	<b>Historic Resource Consultants</b> <b>The Colt Armory</b> <b>55 Van Dyke Avenue</b> <b>Hartford, Connecticut 06108</b>		12/84
20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS			
<p>21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known           <input type="checkbox"/> Highways           <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism           <input type="checkbox"/> Developers           <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal           <input type="checkbox"/> Private           <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration           <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning           <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____       </p>			

G. Jennie Kent House

19. (continued):

of some means. It is likely that she owned this house as rental property. She sold off two adjacent lots sold to her by Fitzpatrick, but retained ownership of this house until her death in 1908.